

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v-

JULISSA BARTHOLOMEW,

Defendant.

24-CR-541-04 (PAE)

ORDER

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

Counsel for Julissa Bartholomew has requested approval for the use of CJA funds to purchase a laptop for defendant Bartholomew, who wishes to review discovery materials produced by the Government and therefore needs to have access to an electronic device under the terms ordered below. Defense counsel represents that without this laptop, the defendant will be unable to review effectively the massive amount of discovery material that the Government has provided pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The application is granted as follows:

1. Defense counsel is authorized to procure, with CJA funds, a laptop computer<sup>1</sup> and any subsequent external hard drives that may be required to provide the defendant with access to the discovery (collectively, the “Electronic Device”) for purposes of the discovery review. Counsel shall provide the electronic device to Data Mill, Inc., whose staff shall review the Electronic Device and confirm that the wireless and printing capabilities are disabled in a manner acceptable to the facility in which the defendant is lodged. Data

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<sup>1</sup> Counsel shall consult with Julie de Almeida and Data Mill, to determine the model of laptop computer that is acceptable to the facility where their client is housed.

Mill shall load onto the Electronic Device such software as the defendant will need to review and make notes on the discovery. Data Mill shall set a password protected administrative account on the Electronic Device that is separate from the defendant's password protected user account, to prevent any user from making changes to the Electronic Device.

2. Either defense counsel or Data Mill shall provide the Electronic Device to the Government. Each Electronic Device will be clearly marked with the name and ID number and Marshal's registration number of the defendant.
3. The Government shall save the discovery onto the Electronic Device as well as on subsequent external hard drives that may be required to provide the defendant with access to the discovery.
4. The Government shall confirm that the discovery is viewable on the Electronic Device (for example, that the audio recordings and video play on the Electronic Device) prior to sending it to the Westchester County Jail where Ms. Bartholomew is housed.
5. Within 15 days of receipt of the Electronic Device, the Government shall send the Electronic Device to an Officer designated by the Westchester County Jail to receive the electronic device. The designated Officer shall keep the Electronic Device and charging wire in their office.
6. The defendant can access the Electronic Device for review on a temporary basis and at times approved by prison personnel. This review must take place in the defendant's unit or a location where to the extent possible the defendant is not in the presence of any other inmates. Because of the volume of discovery, the defendant should be afforded the ability

to review it for several hours each day to the extent consistent with the conduct of the Westchester County Jail.

7. The defendant is prohibited from copying any information from the discovery.
8. After she is finished reviewing the discovery for any given day, the defendant shall return the Electronic Device to the designated Officer.
9. The defendant shall be permitted to bring the Electronic Device to meetings with her counsel and any other members of her legal defense team, including investigators. Paralegals, and support staff.
10. The defendant is strictly prohibited from printing, copying, sending, publishing, or transferring any of the discovery materials on the Electronic Device. It is the intent of this Order that only the defendant assigned to a particular Electronic Device (and her counsel and any other members of her legal defense team, including investigators, paralegals, and support staff, as needed to confer with the defendant) will have access to the discovery materials on the Electronic Device.
11. This Court will revisit this Order and the defendant's access to the Electronic Device if it appears that the defendant is not abiding by this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than the conclusion of the proceedings against the defendant in the district court, whether through dismissal of the charges against the defendant or the sentencing of the defendant, the Institution in which the defendant is lodged shall return the Electronic Device to her counsel, who will promptly provide it to Data Mill as the custodian for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts if it was purchased with CJA funds.

SO ORDERED.

*Paul A. Engelmayer*

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PAUL A. ENGBLUMAYER  
United States District Judge

Dated: May 16, 2025  
New York, New York